



SHIELDS NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2023



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Spring has certainly been slow arriving and just when we thought we were done with the snow, no such luck. When the nice weather finally does arrive, we will only enjoy it more. Any bets out there on when the ice will be off the lake?



With the goal of trying to improve our community's quality of life, we have increased and continue to look for opportunities to provide active programming and opportunities for social interaction within our community. Pilates and Yoga programming were offered and enjoyed by many over the winter and into the spring. We have also started setting up programs and events with the assistance of the Saskatoon Council on Aging, for adults 55 and over.

The annual Fish Derby was a huge success and really enjoyed by the participants. This Derby is a great fundraiser contributing to the Village's Amenities and Sports equipment and has raised over \$25,000 over the past 4 years thanks to the attendees and the generosity of our sponsors.

The Spring St. Paddy's Day Potluck was very well attended, and it was great to get together and visit with so many friends and neighbors. There are many events/programs planned for this year. Thanks once again to our very creative volunteers!

Speaking of volunteers, National Volunteer Week was April 16 - 22 and the theme was 'Volunteering Weaves Us Together.' This theme is so true and with all the initiatives

going on in Shields, there are always enthusiastic volunteers willing to help out, working together and developing lasting friendships. To everyone who has made our village better through your selfless efforts – whether big or small gestures - thank you!

The amenities building will soon be open for business, the kiosk will be open certain days of the week and the common space in the building will be available as a public gathering space. The furniture made possible by the Fish Derby fundraisers, will be set up soon under the covered deck allowing residents to stop by for a visit and a coffee. The bathroom will also be open to the public. Council has decided to have a contest for naming the Amenities building. We will be sending out a survey soon so start getting your creative juices flowing to come up with a name. We have had suggestions such as The Shield's Hub or the Shield's Recreation Centre. Stay tuned for more details around this social gathering spot.

We had great news over the last couple of weeks. The village has been approved for a couple of grants, one from the Prairie Central CED Framework in Action Grant to purchase some portable outdoor games. It is important for adults to play too! The second grant is through Service Canada – Canada Summer Jobs to partially fund 3 students for the summer: one to assist Administration and the other two for Maintenance.

This is probably a good time for an update on the construction of the connector road between South Memorial Drive and Highway 211. The construction of the road will begin in May and if weather cooperates will be complete in a month. After the last few weeks, I think everyone can agree that it will be nice to have an upgraded road exiting our village.

I would like to thank the Council and staff for all they do for the village and a warm welcome to Gary Hovland who has joined the Council team.

Enjoy the warmer weather and safe summer travels.

Angela Larson, Mayor



Welcome Councillor Garry Hovland:

My name is Garry Hovland. My wife Cathie and I first purchased a cabin in 1994 and have been full time residents since 2007.

One of the first things that attracted us to the community was when meeting a vehicle on the road, everyone waved, and it reminded me so much of when I was growing up on the farm.

I attended the U of S graduating in 1977 with a diploma in Agriculture.

In my early years I worked in the oil patch in Alberta, a potash mine, as well as farming. I retired in 2015 after spending 35 years in the Flour Milling Industry having the opportunity to travel to several countries around the world.

Since retiring I have also taken the Commissionaires Security Course in Saskatoon.

I enjoy volunteering in the community. I have served 12 years on the Golf Committee, plus several years on the Rec Board and I am currently working with EMO as Block Captain Coordinator.

I was also fortunate enough to be presented with the Spirit of Shields award in 2020. I also volunteer for Stars Air Ambulance on various fundraisers as I see them playing such an important role in our community and province.

My hobbies include golfing and fishing, as well as spending time at the farm in the summer.

We are very fortunate to live in such a great community and see the many young families moving here to raise their families.

I look forward to serving the residents of Shields and contributing to our village.

Garry Hovland



Administration, Operations and Other Information

Administration

The Resort Village Assessment Roll is now open. It is open for inspection from April 4, 2023 – May 4, 2023, at the office of the assessor from 1:00pm-4:00pm, Monday to Friday inclusive. Any person who wishes to appeal their assessment should directly contact the Board of Revision Secretary, Kristen Tokaryk, Box 149, Meota, SK S0M 1X0, by the 4th day of May 2023. An appeal fee of \$50 is required to be remitted with the appeal. Successful appeals will have the fee refunded.

Becky Hoehn, Assessor

Operations

Special thanks to our maintenance staff, Fred and Glenn for the snow removal this winter. Especially the month of December and though the Christmas holidays. Great job guys. Now that all the utility lines, both public and private have been moved, the road building from the south end of Memorial Drive to the intersection before highway 211 should start in the spring.

Please remember to check your smoke/carbon detector batteries. They should be changed yearly and the detectors themselves should be replaced every ten years.

We have speed limits and stop signs in the village PLEASE be mindful of them!

With a little luck and God willing the irrigation water should be on by mid May.

Again, please ensure that you have numbers on your home. It is easier for emergency calls and delivery people to locate. If you access from the alley, please place your number on the rear of your house as well. Any questions please call. Noel Tomlenovich 306-220-9603.

Other

As a reminder: boat docks and lifts need to be in the water and off the shoreline by June 30th. To apply for a spot please contact the Village Office.

To those who have storage lots in the north end, please remember to keep your lot mowed and free of any clutter. Also, please note that the lots are for seasonal items only and will be monitored to ensure Village policies are being followed. Thank you for keeping this area kept up.

The first Red Bins from Loraas for residential use will arrive on May 15th and they will be removed after the May long weekend, May 23rd. Please remember the following items **CANNOT** go into red bins: Leaves & Branches, Tires, Large Appliances, large Furniture, mattresses and Box Springs, cement, oil and filters and railway ties and renovation materials.



Committee Updates and Messages

Events Committee and Programs

Annual Fish Derby

The weather certainly cooperated for the annual Fish Derby held March 4, 2023. The derby was very successful once again raising \$7,548.50 for the villages sporting equipment and amenities funding. Prize money totalled \$2,870.00! Congratulations to the winners!! Thanks to the many volunteers your giving of time and talents is greatly appreciated.



St. Patrick's Day Potluck - What a success!!!

Our first potluck in several years was very successful! Thank you to all who attended and enjoyed the evening with old friends and newcomers to the Village.

So nice to see and meet many new residents! In the coming months we hope to have a few more 'Potlucks'. Anyone interested in hosting is welcome to contact the Committee at Cheryl @ cherbear_19@hotmail.com

Coming Events 2023



JOIN THE COMMUNITY AND SET UP YOUR OWN PERSONAL GARAGE SALE – SATURDAY MAY 13, 2023

Inform the office and we will create a common list with each house taking place in the garage/yard sale to advertise to the community at large. Contact the office before May 10th at 306-492-2259, or via email at admin@shields.ca to have your house advertised.

A Family Day is being planned for June. This will include a food and beverage venue at the Amenities Building, as well as activities for all ages.

A community corn roast is planned for late August. We will be planting corn in Hiebert's community garden in May and with any luck can serve the corn at the Corn Roast. This will be a fun community initiative. Children will be able to participate in a Scarecrow Building activity.

Stay tuned to the particulars around a volunteer Event planned for October. This event is to celebrate with our many volunteers in the village. Definite plans are still **being discussed**.



In November, come out and try your luck at our Casino Night.

Finally at the end of the year, we will once again host a Childrens' Christmas Party in December. Updates on planned Events will be published on the Community page and Village website.

We are always excited to have new members on our Committee, if you are interested in joining us, we would love to have you come and share your thoughts, skills and ideas! Contact Cheryl @ cherbear_19@hotmail.com for more information on joining.

In closing, once again, a huge "thank you" to all the residents who come to the events in the Village. Your attendance and enjoyment make everything we do well worth it!

Submitted by C.Robson, Event Committee Chairperson

Programming

Under the auspices and sponsorship of the Saskatchewan Council on Aging, several of our dedicated walkers in Shields have now formed teams/groups and are participating in "Globe Walk". The program entails and promotes beneficial activities to enhance and maintain physical well being! Globe Walk runs from January through the end of April each year. Our Team is participating during April this year as a "Pilot Project" in the Village. This particular program requires teams to record their steps/ kilometres walked each day for a month and then submit totals to a Team Captain for submission to SCOA. The main activity for "teams" thus far appears to be walking, but any number of activities count in this program, even household chores! We have some very enthusiastic walkers in our Village, and I have no doubt our "steps" will get us to many places around the "Globe! Stay tuned for more programs coming up in the fall.

Go Warrior Walkers!!

Submitted by: Lindy Klassen



Resort Village of Shields

Come Home to the Lake Life

Parks Beaches and Playgrounds

Is there anything better than spring at the lake? Seeing the snow melt away, people out for walks and visiting in the street, kids' bikes beginning to appear, and the sunshine on your deck gives promise of warmer days ahead. Although it has felt like a late start to the warmer weather, and with so much snow to melt, soon enough we will be enjoying the parks, sport court, and beach!

As you begin to use the sport court, playground, walking paths, green spaces, and beach please do your part to care for our community. Always ensure all garbage is picked up and equipment is cared for and returned to the black bins.

Our annual spring-cleaning bee is tentatively set for Sunday, May 7, weather permitting. Bring a rake and some gloves to the playground where we will meet to clean up the park. Kids are encouraged to take part, and there is usually a little reward for them at the end! Further information will be sent in an email closer to the date.

We are excited for another Blackstrap Minnows soccer season to begin! Once again, Chad and Jill Gauthier will be coaching two groups, one for the littlest Minnows and another for the older Minnows. This year soccer will be moved to Friendship Field next to the sport court.

The Parks, Playgrounds, and Beaches committee hopes to work on a few small projects this summer and meets approximately four times per year to plan a budget, assess what can be done to maintain and improve our parks, playgrounds, and beaches in Shields, and support the community.



If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Councillor, Jill Gauthier – 306-292-9475.

RESORT VILLAGE OF SHIELDS

PARKS, CULTURE AND RECREATION

Calling all Kids Age 3-8!



Learn to Play Soccer

Sundays from:

10:00am-10:30am Kids 3-5

10:00am-11:00am Kids 6-8

Throughout May 7 and June 25 at Friendship Park (Right next to the Sport Court)

Sign up by: April 30th, 2023 To: Jill and Chad Gauthier 306-292-9475

Resort Village of Shields

Come Home to the Lake Life

Golf Committee

We are all anxiously awaiting the opening of the golf course! With the amount of snow still on the ground, we won't be removing tarps from the greens as soon as we had hoped. When it is dry enough, we will be recruiting volunteers to come out and give a hand. We kindly ask that people refrain from walking on the greens or using power carts until it is dry enough, at which time we will communicate via emails/signage.



Due to having to charge PST, we have a new fee structure. The new prices below include all applicable taxes.

Memberships		Daily Rates	
Adult 18 yrs+	\$195	Adult	\$25
Youth (10-17)	\$ 45	Youth (Age 10-15)	\$ 5
Family	\$425	Guest Day Passes (members	
Under 10 yrs	free	Only, Max 10) Book of 5	\$85
Annual Power Cart Pass	\$ 45	Daily Power Cart Pass	\$ 5

We encourage everyone to pay via etransfer. **Please note that a new email will be provided to pay fees by etransfer and will be sent out within the next week (this will greatly improve the administration of the golf revenue).** When you etransfer, please ensure that you put in a memo with pertinent information (names, what the payment is for). You must send payment for your membership prior to golfing.

While out on the course this year, you may notice some course marshals. We will have active marshalling so you may be asked to provide proof of payment (membership card, etransfer, or the envelope tag for cash payments). Please ensure you have one of these with you.

We have all been watching the progress of the new hole #6 and are excited to try it out! The goal of the committee is to have it completed and in use by late August.

As always, we invite you to come out for our golf league's. They are a lot of fun and a great opportunity for meeting people in our community. New to golf? No problem! Everyone is welcome.

Men's Night – Thursdays (course closed to ladies)

Ladies Night – Tuesdays (course closed to men)

Family Night – Mondays

We look forward to a great season – hope to see you out there!

On behalf of the Golf Committee,
Jaclyn Sander

Animal Control Committee

The Animal Control Committee would like to remind everyone in the village that dogs and other pets are to be kept on leash at all times. It has been noted that there has been some off leash activity in the community, and we would like to make sure that everyone is complying with the bylaws. It is important that we are working together to keep our residents and other animals safe, as animals can be unpredictable in these types of situations.

Also, a reminder that there are several dog waste bag stations around the village. These are here to assist in helping keep the village clean and free of waste. Please utilize these stations if you happen to be out and don't have a bag with you. Dog waste is a health hazard and is very unsightly. We all want to take pride in keeping our village clean and safe. Thank you for doing your part!

The Village's Animal Control Bylaws are available on the website. Please take time to review these bylaws by clicking the link provided. [Bylaws and Policies – Resort Village of Shields.](#)



Update from EMO Planning Committee

Shields EMO Block Captains along with the planning Committee had their annual testing in November which went very well. Monthly communication testing continues to improve, and we are confident that if an emergency arises our resources will be prepared to provide assistance as required.

With the recent Council by-election, Garry Hovland, our new council member, will be changing his role on EMO and will now function as the Council Representative for Shield's Emergency Measures. Congratulations Garry!

Due to this change, we are looking for a volunteer to take over the EMO Block Captain Coordinator, a position that Garry has held for the last number of years. The Block Captain Coordinator works closely with the EMO Coordinator/Planning Committee and when an emergency arises their role is to relay the direction provided by the EMO Command to the Block Captains, so our team is in place where needed. This is a key role in Shield's EMO and if you are interested or have any questions about this volunteer position, please contact Debbie Heidt (306-371-0900) or Garry Hovland (306-280-7652). We look forward to hearing from you.

